

History of the Northwest Coin Club

1934-2009



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Dedication

We thank and honor those Charter Members who founded
the Northwest Coin Club on February 10, 1934.

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For seventy-five years, the Northwest Coin Club has served collectors and dealers in the Twin Cities area while promoting numismatic fellowship and education. This history of the club was compiled from club records, newsletters, scrapbooks and the memory of members.

Club Activities

The club was founded on February 10, 1934, by the Reverend Elias Rasmussen who also served as first president. The club soon joined the national American Numismatic Association (ANA) as member #4517 in May of 1934.

In 1936 the young club was host to the American Numismatic Association convention at the Nicollet Hotel in downtown Minneapolis. During the convention, former ANA President Charles Markus collapsed in the hotel and died shortly afterward.

The convention was discussed in the *ANA Centennial History* by Q. David Bowers:

“The Northwest Coin Club, with members in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, is not a large one, and it was handicapped in not knowing just how an ANA convention should be handled, as few of its members had attended our previous conventions. There was also uncertainty as to the number of visiting members expected, and in trying to estimate this they went somewhere above the mark. The attendance was smaller than usual and considerably less than expected. But the warmth of the club’s greeting compensated for any disappointment in the attendance.

In the afternoon two busses conveyed the party to Minnehaha Falls and a ride about the city and parks... In the afternoon the visitors were taken to the Land o’ Lakes Creamery for an inspection of the plant... The program called for a visit to the Washburn-Crosby Flour Mills [a firm which subsequently became known as General Mills] later in the afternoon, with tea in Betty Crocker’s Gold Medal kitchen. The ladies of the party were strongly in favor of carrying out the program, but many of the men preferred returning to the hotel.”

Several early members had advanced collections. Members often invited the club to meet at their homes where collections were shown and shared.

Younger members of the club left to serve their country during the Second World War. The club passed a resolution to maintain free memberships for those on active duty. A special election was held on June 4, 1942, to select club officers who were too old for military service.

In 1945 the club voted to establish a library with John Anderson as the temporary Librarian. In the following month, club historical records were presented to the club library.

The October 2, 1945, Minneapolis *Star-Journal* mentioned the club “In This Corner” with Cedric Adams. “The Northwest Coin Club wants to know the origin of a dollar being called a buck and why we refer to money as ‘dough’”.

In October of 1947 “The Romance of Money” was exhibited at the Minnesota Historical Society with 20 cases. One highlight was “a complete collection of transportation tokens” with 2000 pieces placed by Kenneth Smith, a local collector and author. The exhibit was reported in the St. Paul Sunday *Pioneer Press* for October 5, 1947.

In 1950 the club organized another exhibition of coins at the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul. “The Romance of Coins” included thousands of coins with displays that ranged from coins struck in 700 B.C. up to recent U.S. commemorative coins.

On March 5, 1952, on the one hundred year anniversary of the organization of Hennepin County, the club donated a set of U. S. cents to the Hennepin County Historical Society.

A special contest was offered in 1956 with a “Prize Quiz Program.” This was conducted over ten months with five questions each month. (No meeting in July or August) The winner received a U. S. Savings Bond.

The club participated in National Coin Week April 21-27, 1958, with exhibits at the Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis office; Northwestern National Bank, Lincoln office;

First National Bank of St. Paul and Midway National Bank of St. Paul. This was reported in the Minneapolis Sunday *Tribune* April 20, 1958. The article included the names and home addresses of some of the exhibitors but no subsequent burglaries were reported. The club prepared a scrap-book of these activities for submission to the ANA and received an Honorable Mention.

The club treasurer in 1967 was Laurine Wilkerson. She was accused of writing checks for personal expenses from the club treasury and was removed from office. Our agreement with the bank required two signatures on checks and they cleared some checks with only her signature. The bank was found liable for the losses. The club recovered \$627.50 from Minnesota Federal Savings and Loan Company and additional \$2,284.86 from a bonding company. Ms. Wilkerson also reimbursed the club for some of the funds so the club recovered more than the losses.

In 1970 the home of NWCC Secretary James Conley was vandalized. Some club records were lost or damaged. Members were concerned that their addresses were in the hands of thieves. Also in 1970 there were complaints of apathy among the officers but nobody cared.

Membership and interest in the club declined in the late 1970's. Some meetings attracted only a half dozen members. In 1975, the club began the year with a treasury balance of \$714.78 and ended the year with a balance of just \$6.89. The annual show lost \$14.46.

At the time of his death in December 1983, club historian Ed Westman maintained much of the club history and files at his home. Although attempts were made to recover this material from his estate, much of this was lost to the club.

New club Historian Fred L. Price wrote *The Northwest Coin Club, First Fifty Years, A Brief History*, published in 1984. Ellsworth B Erickson provided photographs with printing by IPC in Roseville. Price recalled that 100 copies were printed. He resigned as Historian when he left for China. The office remained vacant until Pete Smith was appointed club Historian in May 1996.

On July 1, 1986, the club signed a lease to rent an unheated storage garage on Excelsior Boulevard. Occasionally water leaked under the door and frozen cases were taken to the spring show. In 1986 the club produced a brochure to promote club activities.

A new revised Constitution was approved at the January 1992 meeting after several months of discussion and review. This update brought the Constitution more in line with current club activities.

In September of 1997 the club show supplies and cases were moved from the Excelsior Boulevard location to a locker at All American Self Storage in Crystal. Cases and supplies are trucked to each annual NWCC show with some cases rented to MOON for their fall show.

Beginning in January 2000, the club contributed funds and support for the attempt to exempt investment coins from state sales taxes. So far, these attempts have been unsuccessful.

The club maintains an extensive numismatic lending library. An inventory distributed in 1993 indicated 150 items were available. For many years club librarian was Dave McCann with the library stored at the Kenwood Community Center. The library was moved out of Kenwood Center to the home of our new Librarian, Jim Meyer, on July 13, 2000. Some supplies were moved to our storage locker.

In May of 2001 the club voted to give honorary life memberships to Dick Grinolds, Ted Molitor, Tom Mowrey, John Olson and Lee Quast. It was later discovered that Mowrey had also been given life membership previously.

Since 2004 the club has sponsored a member to attend the ANA Summer Seminar. These members are expected to present a program telling of their experience.

Meetings

Meeting times and locations have changed over 75 years. In the early years, club meetings were held at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis. Often members hosted these meetings at their homes.

By 1940 membership rose to 76 with meetings split on the first Thursday at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis and the third Thursday at the Metropolitan Bank Building in St. Paul. The plan was to have a 10 minute business meeting and a 20 minute program with the rest of the evening for visiting and trading.

For a while in the fall of 1941, St. Paul meetings were held at the Sullivan Stamp and Coin Shop at 115 Endicott Arcade.

In 1944 meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. In 1946 the location for St. Paul meetings was changed to the Eagle's Hall at 113 University Avenue.

By 1954 St. Paul meetings were at the Ryan Hotel. Then in 1957 meetings were at the Midway YMCA in St. Paul.

In 1963 meetings were held on the first Wednesday at the West Central YMCA in Minneapolis and on the third Wednesday at the Midway YMCA in St. Paul. In 1968 average attendance was about 25 with 20 members required for a quorum. During the 1960's, meetings included a half-dozen dealers with bourse tables and an auction.

Meeting locations continued to change. In 1974 meetings were at the Eagle's Club on Pierce Butler Route in St. Paul. Around 1980 meetings were at the Leamington Motor Inn.

One primary purpose for the club is education and speakers are recruited to speak at the monthly meetings. A popular program is a grading exercise for certified coins with grades concealed. Other programs include an occasional auction or "show and tell" session.

In 1985 club meetings were held on the second Thursday of the month at the Kenwood Community Center in Minneapolis. This time and location continues into 2009.

Club Newsletters

In 1940, club members got their news through "Straight Edge," the newsletter of the Twin City Philatelic Society. This is just one example of cooperation with local stamp clubs.

The first club newsletter, "Strictly Mutilated" was published on May 11, 1945, with Gerald Huber as newsletter editor. When the newsletter ceased publication in 1947 meeting notices were sent out each month on one-cent postcards.

During the era of 1966 to 1970, meeting notices were sent out regularly in letters from the President or Secretary.

When he was president in 1986, Bill Daehn introduced a monthly club newsletter mailed to members. Responsibility for the newsletter was given to club vice president with John Saffert serving as editor for 1987-88, Pete Smith serving 1988-89, and Bill Daehn serving 1989-90.

During 1990-92, our newsletter editor was Virgil Young who was not a club officer. For several years Bill Beeson handled printing, stuffing and mailing the newsletter. Everett Levens served as vice President in 1992 and assumed the job of newsletter editor on July 10, 1992. His service as editor has continued since then. In 2007 the newsletter was distributed by e-mail to members who request this form. A few members continued to receive paper copies along with courtesy copies sent to the ANA and coin papers.

Club Shows

The largest and most expensive activity each year is the annual coin show. On January 11-14, 1940, the club joined the Twin City Philatelic Society and the Precancel Club to host a joint exhibit at the St. Paul Hotel. In early years the emphasis was more on exhibits of collections and less on commercial sales. The event of March 5-9, 1941, was called the Ninth Annual Stamp and Coin Exhibition with the club participating with local stamp clubs.

On February 5, 1942, the club held the Eighth anniversary banquet at the Curtis Hotel. Following was a lapse in banquets during the war years. The next was the 12th anniversary banquet held on February 6, 1946, at the Curtis Hotel. Some of the anniversary banquets included exhibits such as the Thirteenth Annual Banquet and Exhibit at the Curtis Hotel in 1947. The name was an indication that banquets were held annually but this was not the thirteenth banquet. This confusion extended to the numbering of coin shows.

On June 11-12, 1949, the club had the Northwest Coin Club Exhibit at the Curtis Hotel. The event of May 13-14, 1950, was called the second annual exhibit, auction and banquet. The emphasis switched from holding exhibits during the annual banquet to holding a banquet during the annual exhibit. The continuity of annual coin shows can only be traced back to the exhibit in 1949. The event held in 1952 was called the 18th Annual Convention, Auction, Banquet, Bourse and Exhibits. The mix of activities and confusion over the name continued. After years at the Curtis, the 1955 and 1956 conventions were at the Ryan Hotel in St. Paul.

The Upper Midwest Coin Collectors' Convention was held on June 21-23, 1957 at the Andrews Hotel. The NWCC hosted the show with participation by the Austin MN club, the Winona MN club, the North Dakota Coin Club and the South Dakota Stamp and Coin Club. The show had 32 bourse dealers, registered attendance of 296 and 158 at the banquet. A professional auction was conducted by Leo Young. The 1958 annual meeting and banquet was at the Richfield State Bank.

The shows for 1962 through 1969 were held at the Nicollet Hotel. The 1965 30th annual convention included an exhibit of the rare 1913 Liberty nickel. Although a blizzard made travel conditions difficult, show officials reported attendance of 15,000 with the aisles too crowded to conduct business. Gail Wilkerson promoted the coin show on the "Something Special" TV show on March 16. The 1913 Nickel was shown on the TV show. Attendance at the 1966 show was reported as 4000.

The club expanded to hold a fall convention at the Pick-Nicollet Hotel on November 5-7, 1965. A second fall show was held in 1966 but did not sell out. The fall show scheduled for 1967 was cancelled.

Shows for 1970 through 1976 were at the Leamington Hotel. Access to the loading area was through an adjoining parking lot. Dealers complained that they had to pay for parking to unload. The show returned to the Curtis Hotel in 1979.

Coin shows for 1984 through 1990 were held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Minneapolis with Dick Grinolds as General Chairman. There were complaints about the downtown location and expense of parking. One highlight of the show in 1987 was an exhibit of treasures from the Atocha provided by treasure hunter Mel Fisher. In 1990 Lee Quast assumed the job of Bourse Chairman and has continued into 2009.

In 1991 the annual NWCC show moved to the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. Some collectors in the south metro area complained that the location was too far north. At the time the MOON club held their shows at a southern location near the airport. In recent years the location at the Earle Brown center has been recognized as the best show location in the region.

Prior to 1992 the club used small show cases stacked in heavy wood storage containers. These were replaced with larger Allstate cases and the old cases were sold off at the 1992 show.

Often the club offers something free to anyone who brings a copy of an ad to the show. A bowl of inexpensive world coins is provided as gifts for kids. Sample hobby publications are given to adults.

In 1996 the club purchased 4000 “Penny Boards” offered by the PNG. Many were given to local councils for distribution to Boy Scouts. More were given at the annual show. Later the PNG offered five “quarter boards” to hold the set of 50 state quarters. These have been popular give away items over the years.

The club was invited to participate in the Northwest Summer Coin Expo held July 17-19, 1998, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This show had coins in one section, stamps in another and sports cards in a third.

Central States Conventions

The NWCC has hosted several Central States conventions. The Central States Numismatic Society held their 1951 annual convention at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis. A coin auction was conducted by local members Paul B. Slosson and M. Hilding Nelson. Visitors were offered a bus tour of Minneapolis. At the time Nelson was president of the club and Slosson was secretary/ treasurer.

The 1951 convention program stated:

“We, of the Northwest Coin Club, feel honored that the Central States Numismatic Society has seen fit to return once again to our beautiful city. The word “return” is justly used since it was here the idea for such a society was formed – during a gathering of some of the boys at the 1936 ANA convention. So, “Welcome back home folks!”

The Central States Numismatic Society returned to Minneapolis for their convention of April 28-30, 1961. Paul E. Olson was general chairman for the event at the Pick-Nicollet Hotel. The bourse had 100 tables in 9000 square feet with F. Berrisford Horn as bourse chairman. Leo A Young conducted the auction.

On April 26-28, 1985, CSNS conducted their 46th Anniversary Convention at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis. Dick Grinolds was show chairman. The NWCC split profits with CSNS and received \$16,987.71.

In 1992 Central States returned to Minneapolis for their show at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Tours were offered to the Humphrey Metrodome (cancelled) and the Federal Reserve Bank. A local collector, Jim Marrinen, won Best-of-Show for his exhibit of Irish coins. Revenue from the show was used to purchase and distribute books to twin cities school libraries.

In 1996 the club voted to host the 2001 Central States Show. Plans changed and in 1997 Minneapolis was selected to host the show in 2000. Representatives from the club attended the 1997 show in Indianapolis to discuss arrangements. This year the club became a life member of Central States. By 2000,

Central States had switched to a professionally managed show with no involvement from the host club. This led to bitterness that remains with some local club members.

The 2000 61st Annual Central States Numismatic Society Convention was held at the Minneapolis convention Center on May 4-7. Local collector and club president, Pete Smith, took the Best-of-Show award for his exhibit “Personification of Conder Tokens.”

Street construction made access to the 2000 convention challenging, even for local collectors. This was the time of the “Rodney King” riots in Los Angeles and some visitors were hassled along Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis.

Club Presidents

Club officers were elected to serve during one calendar year. Past Presidents include:

1934-35	Elias Rasmussen
1936-37	Oce Curtis
1937-38	Elias Rasmussen
1938-39	Chester L. Berggren
1939-40	William T. Hartman
1940-41	J. L. Montgomery
1941-42	Ernest W. Nelson
1942-43	Paul E. Olson (replaced)

On June 4 an election was held to select older members not eligible for military service. The term of office was changed to run from July through the following June.

1942-44	J. L. Montgomery
1944-45	O. J. Turner
1945-47	Sidney L. Stolte
1947-48	A. P. Ford (moved to Chicago and resigned)
1948-49	G. W. Huber
1950-52	Mark Hilding Nelson
1952-53	T. Donald Wallace
1953-54	Clarence A. Anderson
1954-55	F. Berrisford "Berry" Horn
1955-57	Thomas E. Mowery
1957-59	Arnold T. Holmberg
1959-61	Earl A. Breault
1961-62	Paul E. Olson
1962-64	Jay D. Swift
1964-66	E. Gail Wilkerson (died in office)
1966-68	William DeWitte
1968-69	William Koncak
1969-71	Dr. Austin C. Wagenknecht
1971-74	(vacant)
1974-76	Richard Horst
1976-78	Kenneth Eikland
1979-86	Dick Grinolds
1986-88	Bill Daehn
1988-90	John Saffert
1990-91	Kenn Hollister
1991-93	Pete Smith
1993-94	(vacant)
1994-97	Dave McCann
1997-98	David Ames
1998-04	Pete Smith
2005-09	John Steinhoff

Northwest Coin Club Memorabilia

Over the years the club has produced many items of memorabilia that are treasured within the club but also have wide distribution throughout the numismatic community.

NWCC-1936-1



Norse American Medal



The first club medal was struck in 1936. Although this is not indicated on the medal, 1936 was the year that the club hosted the national American Numismatic Association convention.

Obverse of the medal features a Viking ship similar to the emblem on the Norse-American medal. The original 1933 Constitution of the Northwest Coin Club stated that the Norse-American Medal was the official club emblem.

Size: 30mm, coin turn.



1936 ANA Badge

The ANA badge identifies the city as Minneapolis but does not mention the Northwest Coin Club as host club.

NWCC-1949-1



NWCC-1949-2



NWCC-1949-R



1949 Wooden Nickels

Prior to the 1949 centennial of Minnesota Territory, there was discussion of a United States coin to commemorate this event. Members of the Northwest Coin Club were excited about the possibility. When this did not happen, members produced a “wood flat” to commemorate the Minnesota Territorial Centennial.

These pieces were printed on two-ply cardboard with a simulated wood grain. Variations in the wood grain suggest that the background wood grain was printed in larger sheets. Also, the grain may run vertically or horizontally. Trial proofs were printed in various colors before final colors were selected. It is unknown how many trial proofs were printed or how many survive.

Some of the 1949 wooden nickels were distributed by mail with a representation of the item on the envelope.

NWCC-1949-1

The first front is printed in red with a green dates and state seal.

Size: 145 x 62 mm.

NWCC-1949-2

The second front is printed in blue with red dates and state seal.

Size: 143 x 62 mm.

NWCC-1949-R

The 1949 pieces share a common reverse in green. The club name appears in small print along the bottom.

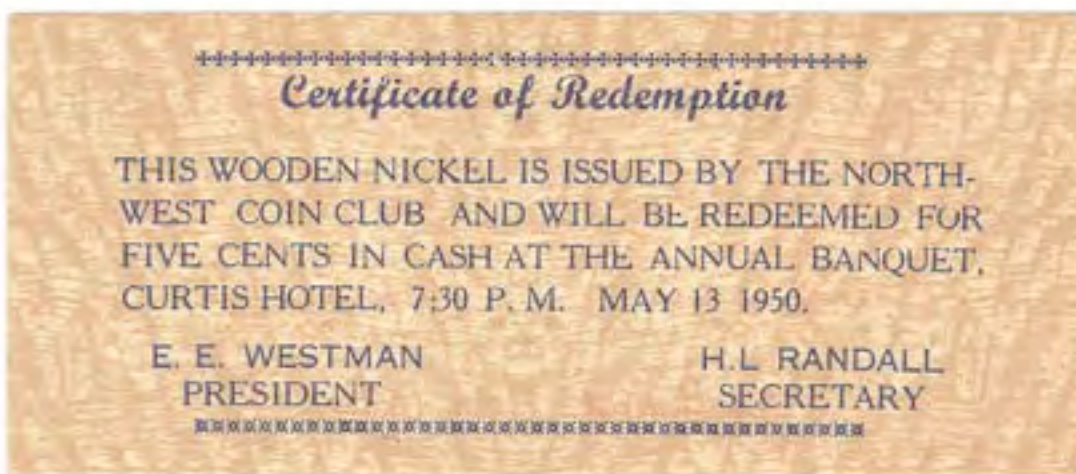
NWCC-1950-1



NWCC-1950-2



NWCC-1950-R1



1950 Wooden Nickels

Again in 1950 the club produced a series of wood flats to promote the annual exhibit. These were printed on two-ply cardboard with a simulated wood grain.

NWCC-1950-1

The first front had the image of the Indian Head obverse from the buffalo nickel in the center. To the left is a slightly less accurate drawing of the Indian head. The basic design is blue with a red overprint. Club name was on a second red overprint.

Size: 143 x 62 mm.

NWCC-1950-2

The second front had the image of the obverse of a Shield Nickel. The same printing plate was used for the background, this time in brown.

Size: 143 x 62 mm.

NWCC-1950-R1

The reverse for 1950-1 and 1950-2 is printed in blue. This indicates that the pieces may be redeemed for five cents cash at the annual banquet. It is likely that most members kept these wooden nickels as souvenirs.

NWCC-1950-3

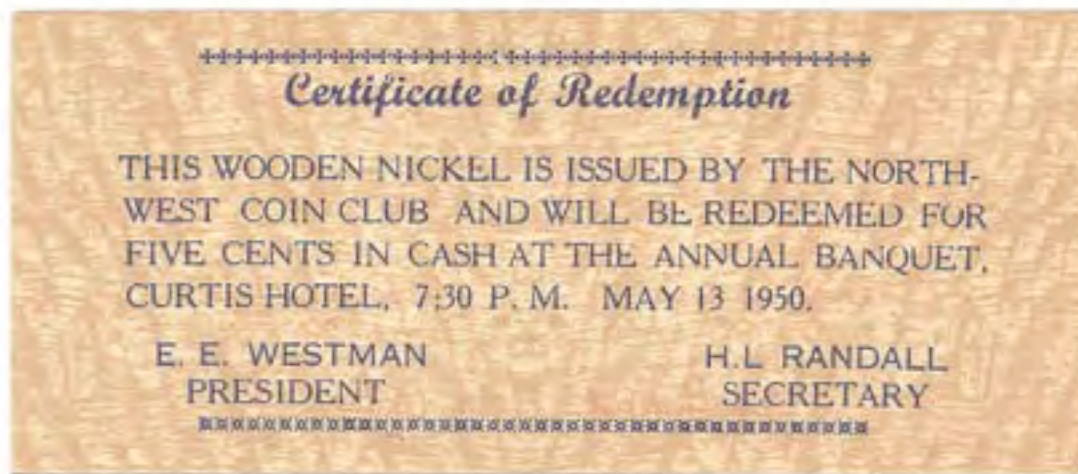


A third piece was issued in 1950 with the picture of a five cent stamp in the center. The green background was from the same printing plate as the other two items. Half the red overprint is also from the same red plate. An additional red overprint has the club name and the name of Becken Stamp and Coin Shop.

Carl M. Becken was a charter member of the club.

Size: 143 x 62 mm.

NWCC-1950-R2



This reverse indicated the item may be redeemed at the annual exhibit. Many were not redeemed but retained as souvenirs.

BWCC-1951-1

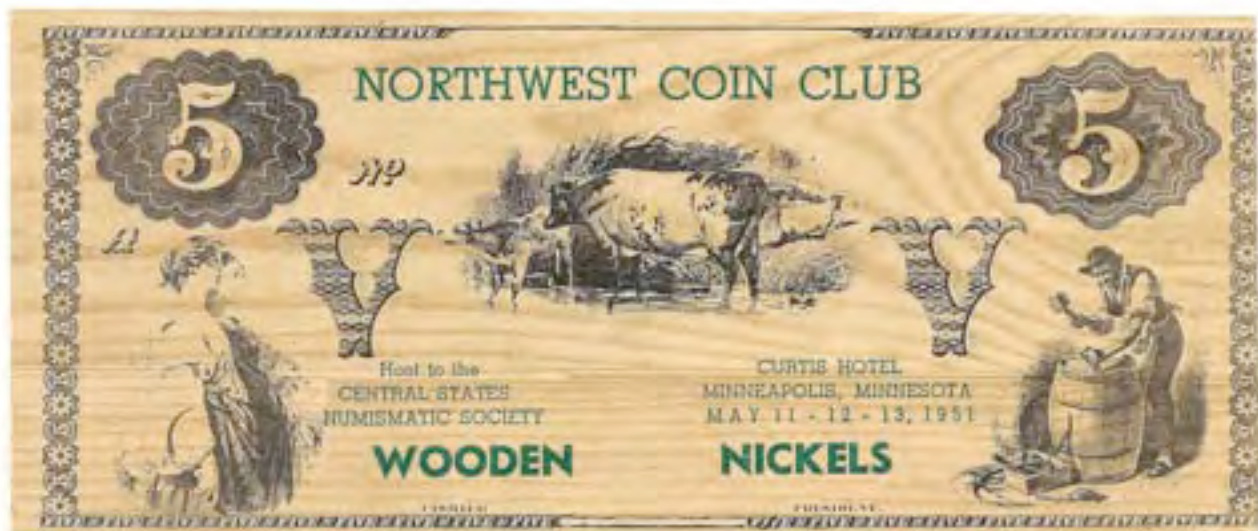


Apparently a quantity of the 1949 wooden nickels remained undistributed. Some were over-printed in 1951 to promote the Central States convention.

Size: 145 x 62 mm.









Also for the 1951 Central States Show, the club issued a series of wood flats with the denominations of one, two, three and five wooden nickels.

These were printed on a single-ply cardboard

Sample proofs are known for all denominations. On each the wood grain background is different. The text block referring to the Curtis Hotel is on the left and the text referring to Central States is on the right. These were hand signed by D. Wallace and "A. Sample." It is unknown how many were produced or how many still survive.

NWCC-1952-1



The final wood flat does not state a value so it is more like a ticket and a piece of club ephemera. These appear to be much scarcer than previous wooden nickels.

Size: 128 x 57 mm, uniface.

NWCC-1958-1



The club issued their second club medal to commemorate the Minnesota Centennial in 1958. This was struck in sterling silver [shown on left], antiqued silver [shown on right], bronze and nickel..

Size: 34mm, coin turn

NWCC-1961-1



The club hosted the 1961 Central States Convention and issued a medal to commemorate this event. This was struck in sterling silver [shown on left] and antiqued bronze [shown on right]. With one side showing the Minneapolis skyline and the other St. Paul, neither side was designated as obverse or reverse.

Size: 34 mm; coin turn.

NWCC-1962-1



As shown with the text, this wooden nickel was produced for the annual meeting in 1962.

Size: 38 mm.

NWCC-1970

Club records indicate a 1970 medal was offered in seven varieties. None was available for photography.



No documentation was found for the medal shown above. It may have been given in appreciation over a period of years. The source suggests this was given in the early 1970's.

Size: 34 mm, coin turn

NWCC-1974-1



The club produced 1000 wooden nickels promoting the club meeting dates.

Size: 38 mm.

NWCC-1976-1



For our country's Bicentennial in 1976, the club used a stock Bicentennial die with the standard club reverse die. Composition was aluminum and copper nickel.

Size: 34 mm, medal turn.

NWCC-1977-1



For their 43rd annual show in 1977, the club medal honored President James E. "Jimmy" Carter. This medal was struck in copper-nickel.

Size: 34mm, medal turn.

NWCC-1980-1



A new wooden nickel was produced to mark a change in meeting location.

Size: 38 mm.

NWCC-1984-1



The club issued another medal in commemoration of the club's fiftieth anniversary in 1984. Design included a simple outline of the state of Minnesota. This was struck in bronze, aluminum, and golden bronze.

Size: 34 mm, medal turn.

NWCC-1994-1



For the 60th anniversary of the club in 1994, the club issued medals in several metals. The obverse design copied the 1984 design.

Silver, 25 struck

Dynamic Bronze, 200 struck

Antiqued Bronze, 200 struck

Nickel, 200 struck

Dynamic Copper, 200 struck

Aluminum, 1700 struck

Size: 34 mm, medal turn.

NWCC-1995-1



During the club show in 1995, a machine was available to roll elongated coins on Lincoln cents. Dies were produced and the machine provided by Rocky Rockholt. He produced five special sets of coins elongated on a nickel, dime, quarter, half and Susan B. Anthony dollar.

Size: 35 x 19 mm, enlarged above. Size varies with host coin.

NWCC-1996-1



Show chairman Lee Quast was a collector and promoter of collectible phone cards. He arranged to produce a phone card for the 1996 show featuring an obsolete St. Paul banknote for the Dayton Bank.

Size: 65 x 54 mm.

NWCC-1996-2



Elongated coins were produced again in 1996 with a new die. For amusement, some remainders of the 60th anniversary medal were also passed through the machine.

Size: 34 x 19mm, enlarged above. Size varies with host coin.

For the 1996 show, the club was selling the 1996 phone card and remainders of the 1995 show card. They gave away the 1996 elongated cent and remainders of the 1995 elongated coins. Remaining stock of the 1994 club medals were for sale in five medals. As usual, a bowl of foreign coins was available for distribution to kids. A novice could assemble a small collection without leaving the head table.

NWCC-1997-1



Lee Quast and Pete Smith obtained a large quantity of remainders of an ANA Souvenir card. These were overprinted in red to promote the club show in 1997.

Size: 194 x 90 mm.

NWCC-1997-2



The second club phone card showed the 1936 club medal.

Size: 65 x 54 mm.

NWCC-1997-3



The third club phone card included one of the elongated cents laminated to the card.

Size: 65 x 54 mm.

NWCC-2005-1

NWCC-2006-1



For the 2005 show, the club produced 3000 wooden nickels. The reverse featured the design of the 2005 Minnesota state quarter.

Size: 37 mm.

NWCC-2006-1

In 2006 about 1500 remainders of the wooden nickels were overprinted using a date stamp.

NWCC-2008-1



For the 150th anniversary of Minnesota statehood, the club produced 300 medals using a stock reverse die from Wendells. These were done at the same time as the 2009 75th anniversary medals.

Size: 39 mm, coin turn.

NWCC-2009-1



The club produced a medal to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the club in 2009 in aluminum (2200), bronze (500), copper (1000) and silver (100). The aluminum pieces were given away at the 2009 show. The silver, copper and bronze pieces were offered as a set in a special holder. These medals were struck by Wendells.

Size: 39 mm, coin turn.

Ephemera

Club files include three scrapbooks with newspaper clippings, photos and other ephemera. Much more has been issued by the club including membership cards, programs, show ribbons, and newsletters.